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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of January 24, 2008, Applicants state that the priority date of the present application is December 18, 2002, based on German Application No. DE 102 596 352, which precedes the U.S. filing date of both the Biller et al and Mori et al patents, filed on June 9, 2003 and July 9, 2003, respectfully, and accordingly, submit herewith a verified translation thereof. Moreover, since this application is a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371, the submission of a certified priority document is not required. (A copy of the International Application as recited by the International Bureau has been forwarded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and was also submitted with the original application papers on June 17, 2005.) Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim for priority based on German patent application DE 102 596 352 filed December 18, 2002 has been

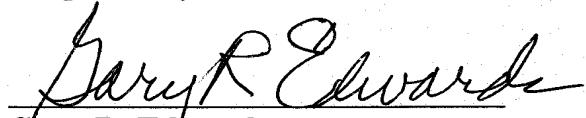
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perfected, and that neither Biller et al nor Mori et al constitutes prior art with respect to the present application.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 095309.56365US).

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